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1. AMBASSADOR RETURNED TO TEGUCIGALPA LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER  
27 AFTER ALL DAY STAY IN DISASTER AREA. HE ACCOMPANIED

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EVALUATION COMMITTEE DIRECTED BY JOSE RAFAEL FERRARI AND

MANUEL VILLEDA TOLEDO AND FUNDED BY RADIO-TV MARATHON TO AREA OF PROGRESO IN LOWER SULA VALLEY. HE SHOWED COMMITTEE THE EXTENT OF U.S. ACTIVITIES IN THE DISASTER AREA. AMBASSADOR WAS ABLE TO SHOW COMMITTEE THAT FURTHER EVACUATION EFFORTS NO LONGER NEEDED AND EXTENT OF U.S. SUPPLY ACTIVITIES.

2. HE TRAVELED WITH COMMITTEE TO PROGRESO AREA. SITUATION IN TOWN CHARACTERIZED BY LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN CIVILLIAM AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, AFTER DAY LONG MEETING COORDINATION BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN GROUPS ACHIEVED. COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND FOUR TRUCKLOADS OF SUPPLIES TO PROGRESO AND FOUR TRUCKLOADS TO CARITAS TO BE USED IN ITS RELIEF EFFORTS.

3. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT EVALUATION AND CONTROL COMMITTEES ACE ACTIVE IN SIX SPECIFIC DISASTER AREAS. AMBASSADOR PLEASED BY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESO AREA BECAUSE MEMBERS ARE INFLUENTIAL FIGURES WHO CAN DESCRIBE DIFFICULTIES AND PRESENT SOLUTIONS TO HIGH LEVEL GOH OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR THE COMMITTEE HAS THE MONEY AND INFLUENCE TO BRING ABOUT GREATER COHERENCE AND CONTROL IN SUPPLQ FLOW. COMMITTEE SEEKING IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT WITH CHIEF OF STATE.

4. MILGP OFFICER IN DISASTER RELIEF OPERATION STATED THAT BASIC PROBLEMS INVOLVE LACK OF COMMUNICATION AND INSUFFICIENT CONTROL OVER INCOMING SUPPLIES. HE HAD MEETING WITH COPEN OFFICIALS IN ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT GREATER CONTROL IN SUPPLY DELIVERY AND DISTRIBUTION.

5. THREE C-130 US AIRCRAFT DUE INTO LA CEIBA THIS AFTERNOON WITH DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLIES; PLANES ARE FLYING FROM FLORIDA AND PRESUMED TO BE NATIONAL GUARD. TWO US AIR FORCE SOUTHCOM AIRCRAFT ARRIVED AT LA MESA AIRPORT CARRYING RELIEF SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. TWO MEXICAN C-54 AIRCRAFT LANDED TEGUCIGALPA WITH 15,000 POUNDS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES.

6. US DEFENSE ATTACHE AIRCRAFT BASED IN TEGUCIGALPA DELIVERED 3,500 POUNDS OF FOODSTUFFS TO TOCOA. SECOND TRIP BY DAO DELIVERED A 15-MAN MEDICAL TEAM AND 1,000 POUNDS OF EQUIPMENT TO THE SAME AREA.

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7. BRITISH FORCES CONTINUE TO MOVE REFUGEES IN HIGH WATER AREA WITH RESCUE BOATS; ONE BOAT, MOTOR AND EQUIPMENT WAS LOST DUE TO BEING CAPSIZED. COLONEL FRASER-ORR, COMMANDER OF BRITISH FORCES, BELIZE, VISITED HIS TROOPS YESTERDAY.

8. US SHIP ARRIVED LA CEIBA WITH 30 TONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES. CARGO FILLED 15 BOXCARS WITH CLOTHING, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND

FOOD. ANOTHER US SHIP IS DUE TO LEAVE NEW YORK BOUND  
FOR LA CEIBA WITH 100 TONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES.

9. STANDARD FRUIT COMPANY DETERMINING EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO  
RAILROAD BRIDGES IN THE AREA OF LA CEIBA AND WILL PASS ON AN  
EVALUATION AS TO ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE AND EXPECTED COMPLETION  
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10. IN CLOSE COORDINATIN WITH HONDURAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES  
AT SAN PEDRO SULA, A LIST OF FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER SUPPLIES  
AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR ORDERLY  
DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE SAME ITEMS TO AFFECTED AREAS.

11. DAST IN COORDINATION WITH BRITISH ENGINEER UNITS IN THE SAN PEDRO SULA - LA LIMA - EL PROGRESO - TELA AREA ARE CAREFULLY STUDING SURFACE LINES OF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING READWAYS, BRIDGES AND RIVER FORDING. SOME PROBLEMS INVOLVE BOTTLENECKS BECAUSE OF FORDING OPERATIONS AND DETERIORATION OF ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES.

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12. USAID REP MET 9/27 WITH VICE MINISTER HEALTH AND RESIDENT REP PAHO TO COORDINATE MEDICINES. VICE MINISTER STATED THAT FOLLOWING JOING MEETING OF COPEN AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, MINISTRY OF HEALTH WILL TAKE OVER FROM COPEN COMPLETE CONTROL OF MEDICINES. THIS IS VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT SINCE PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN FROM COPEN AND SAN PEDRO SULA MAYOR'S HANDLING OF MEDICINES. WE INFORMED VICE MINISTER THAT AID MEDICINES ALREADY ON ORDER WILL BE ARRIVING VERY SOON. USAID COORDINATOR IN SAN PEDRO SULA WILL WORK COLOSELY WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS THERE TO RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE MEDICINES. SEPARATE CABLE FOLLOWS WITH ADDITIONAL MEDICINES REQUEST WHICH HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH MINISTRY AND PAHO.

13. ACCORBLVG TO SEPTEMBER 26 EDITION OF TIEMPO PANAMIJ MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, FERNANDO MANFREDO, WHO ARRIVED SEPT. 25, SAID THAT OTHER MEMBER NATIONS OF THE UNION OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES (UPEB) WILL SHARE HONDURAS' BANANA LOSS. PANAMANIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, GERARDO GONZALEZ ACCOMPANIED MANFREDO.

14. IN SEPTEMBER 26 PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN SAN PEDRO SULA GOH AUTHORITIES TOTALED RELIEF EFFORT SO FAR AS FOLLOWS:

- A. FOREIGN AID RECEIVED - 630,000 LBS. OF SUPPLIES
- B. FOREIGN AID DESPERSED - 480,000 LBS.
- C. NUMBER OF PEOPLE AIDED - 127,838

15. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL ESTIMATES QUOTED BY LA PRENSA OF SEPTEMBER 27, 43 PERCENT OF HONDURAS' EXPORT PRODUCTION HAS BEEFADAMAGED. ALSO, THE GOH HAS ESTABLISHED A 10 HOUR WORK DAY FOR AGENCIES CONNECTED WITH RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION (NORMAL WORK DAY IS 8 HOURS).

16. GOH MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL DEPART SEPTEMBER 27 FOR WASHINGTON TO ATTEND XIX PANAMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE WHERE HE WILL ASK FOR ASSISTANCE.

17. PC HAS 3 NURSES FROM NICARAGUA AND 1 FROM COSTA RICA ARRIVING THIS AFTERNOON FOR WORK IN SAN PEDRO SULA. SANCHEZ

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